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***From ambition to action: Flagship event of the US-Germany Climate and Energy Partnership took place in Pittsburgh alongside the Global Clean Energy Action Forum***

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*Pittsburgh, PA, September 23, 2022* – The first ever US-Germany Climate and Energy Summit was held on September 21-22 in Pittsburgh, PA alongside the Global Clean Energy Action Forum (GCEAF) – a joint convening of the 13th Clean Energy Ministerial and 7th Mission Innovation Ministerial.

As the flagship event of the US-Germany Climate and Energy Partnership, the Summit strengthened the cooperation between the two countries and provided a platform for climate and energy experts from government, industry, research, and civil society to exchange ideas and learn from each other's experiences.

Decarbonization and energy security challenges and measures dominated the discussions. On site at the GCEAF on September 22, speakers from the government departments that signed the Partnership came together: Andrew Light, Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs from the US Department of Energy, Birgit Schwenk, Director General for Climate Action from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), Alex Dittmann, Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy Washington, Varun Sivaram, Managing Director and Senior Advisor for Clean Energy and Innovation, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, and Christine Falken-Grosser, Head of Division at the BMWK agreed the Summit could not have come at a better time.

For Andrew Light, the path to global progress in energy and climate challenges is clear: "How do we move forward? It's with partnerships." The day before, keynote speakers and panelists in two panel discussions already showcased US-German cooperation and talked about how the newly established Climate and Energy Partnership can accelerate climate action and inform global net-zero discussions. The day ended in a networking event at the Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh, where transatlantic energy and climate experts from government, industry, research, and civil society continued the discussions over a German beer.



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## About the US-Germany Climate and Energy Partnership

In 2021, the US-Germany Climate and Energy Partnership was launched, and former German Chancellor Angela Merkel and US President Joe Biden officially announced closer cooperation on energy and climate. The partnership was formalized in May 2022 at the G7 meetings with a Joint Declaration of Intent between the two countries.

The US-Germany Climate and Energy Partnership is co-chaired from the German side by Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck and Federal Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, and from the US side by Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm and Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry.

## About the German Support Office of the US-Germany Climate and Energy Partnership and the German American Chambers of Commerce

The German American Chambers of Commerce (AHKs) are an integral part of the German Chamber Network (AHKs) with 140 offices in 92 countries around the globe. Our continuing mission is to promote German-American business relations and to support trade and investment between Germany and the United States, especially the Midwest.

The GACCs, together with the German project partner adelphi, support the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) in implementing the climate and energy cooperation. Together, the German American Chambers of Commerce and adelphi form the German Support Office of the partnership, which in the US is located in Chicago and is supervised by the German American Chamber of Commerce® of the Midwest (GACC Midwest).



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